

and hope that it will not be considered at all presuming, to  
use these words, through out the remainder of this petition  
and the other writings accompanying it, (whom was there may  
be necessity for them or either of them, instead of words  
of like import) Your petitioner would further state, that  
through the indulgence and advantages which his kind &  
benevolent master extended to him, aided by his own  
industry, frugality and seconded by <sup>the</sup> virtues  
and exertions on the part of your petitioners wife -  
(Elizabeth, ~~not of her estate~~) your petitioner has had  
the good fortune to accumulate an estate worth from  
from five to six thousand dollars, consisting of lands  
chiefly live stock negroes and money, the right & title  
to all which except the money is vested in your petitioners  
wife Elizabeth, your petitioner would further state  
that it was the wish of his de'd Master Saml. Hyman  
expressed to his family after his death should do served  
ad a slave to ~~the~~ person - but that as far as was consistent  
with the laws of the state he wished him to be free  
alleging as the reason, that your petitioner had been a truly  
faithful and obedient servant to him through long period  
of years; that your petitioner was getting old; and that  
for the future he wished him to serve himself or language  
to that amount. - Your petitioner would further state that  
in furtherance of this kind and benevolent wish of  
your petitioners de'd Master for your petitioners future  
freedom and happiness, his Executor Mrs. S. Brown  
has (at your petitioners request) told your petitioner  
to your petitioners de'd wife Elizabeth - that your petitioner  
by his de'd wife Elizabeth has three children Perry, Sarah  
and Ned - the two daughters are of full age, the son  
nearly so. - that your petitioner has been informed that by  
either the death of his de'd wife Elizabeth or a change  
in her feelings or disposition towards your petitioners,  
your petitioner might not only lose his whole estate  
but even that portion of freedom and happiness which,  
by the kindness of his wife he is now permitted to enjoy.